

STEEPLECHASING MOST PROMISING

Spring and Fall Meets Will Be Held and the Usual Races Run.

ENDORSED THE SAMPLE RACE

Raise Standard Cavalry Horses to Continental Army High-Class.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 23.—Steeplechasing promises to be more popular than ever this year. Not only will the big string of jumpers like those of "Mr. Cotton," J. W. Colt, Mr. Haddock and Will Shanks be raced, but there will be several new owners in the field as well. In addition, interest in the amateur events, such as are run under the auspices of the United Hunt Association and the Long Island country estates, will be more general as ever.

Spring and fall meets will be held at Morris Park, probably by the United Hunt Association, and the usual steeplechase features will be run off at the regular courses.

Parimutuel, as usual, will have its quota of steeplechases. These events being at present the most popular, the Marylanders and Virginians as nothing else will.

General Frederick D. Grant's hearty endorsement of the "sample" race held last fall, has encouraged several army officers to put horses in training, and it is not unlikely that representatives will be sent from West Point, Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Myer posts to contest for the trophy.

Patrons of the sport see in the continuation of these races the raising of the standards of cavalry horses in this country to something like the high-class seen in continental armies and in the British service. On the other side of the Atlantic military meets are annual affairs of first importance. In fact, Germany the bulk of horse racing is of this character.

In horse sales here recently, some of the best thoroughbreds in the country have been shipped abroad to fill places in the national cavalry studs. Were the enthusiasts to have their way our government would be in the market, too, for these fine breeding horses, and the mounts of both officers and men immeasurably improved by the infusion of thoroughbred stock.

Because of the beginning of such a movement through the military steeplechases, this year promises to be most important for the turf world. With the government as a purchaser, breeders would be encouraged to extend their establishments. In this way chances for better and faster horses would be vastly increased and "the improvement of the breed of horses" fostered in no other way.

NEW ORLEANS RACES.

Results at the Fair Grounds and City Park Tracks.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, February 24.—Fair Grounds summaries:

First race—six furlongs—Tripple Silver (7 to 1) first, Bone Brake (4 to 1) second, Elm Mar (5 to 1) third, Time, 1:24.5.

Second race—four and a half furlongs—Salva (6 to 5) first, Bud Hill (12 to 1) second, Black Mate (3 to 1) third, Time, 1:24.5.

Third race—six furlongs—The Cure (7 to 5) first, Coffey (6 to 1) second, Invincible (6 to 1) third, Time, 1:24.5.

Fourth race—mile and a half—Ham's Horn (even) first, Logistilla (8 to 1) second, Lady Navarre (7 to 2) third, Time, 1:47.

Fifth race—two miles—Cashier (6 to 1) first, Annamaster (8 to 5) second, Paul (10 to 1) third, Time, 3:35.

Sixth race—mile and twenty yards—Bluenworth (4 to 1) first, Nine (6 to 1) second, The Regent (6 to 1) third, Time, 1:44.5.

Seventh race—mile and twenty yards—Fitz Brown (3 to 1) first, Lemon Girl (6 to 1) second, Imboden (9 to 1) third, Time, 1:43.5.

City Park Results.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW ORLEANS, February 24.—City Park summaries:

First race—two miles—Miss Nannie L. (4 to 1) first, Regale (10 to 1) second, Milford (11 to 1) third, Time, 3:38.

Second race—steeplechase, short course—Wild Range (6 to 1) first, Ohio King (16 to 1) second, Lights Out (7 to 1) third, Time, 2:16.

Third race—handicap, six furlongs—Robin Hood (6 to 1) first, Cargat (7 to 1) second, Quinn Brady (8 to 1) third, Time, 1:26.

Fourth race—mile and a half—Debar (5 to 1) first, Garnish (13 to 1) second, Tammany (13 to 1) third, Time, 1:48.5.

Fifth race—mile and a half—Big Bow (5 to 1) first, Safety Light (15 to 1) second, Lass Lee (5 to 1) third, Time, 2:29.5.

Sixth race—mile and a half—Suzanne Rocamora (8 to 5) first, Brushon (15 to 1) second, Foreigner (11 to 5) third, Time, 1:22.5.

Seventh race—four furlongs—Florizel (6 to 5) first, Envoy (9 to 2) second, Auditor (9 to 5) third, Time, 1:28.

Hot Springs Races.

(By Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., February 24.—Oaklawn summaries:

First race—six furlongs—Mafela (even) first, Mayor Johnson (6 to 5) second, Lullulus (5 to 1) third, Time, 1:17.5.

Second race—three and a half furlongs—

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Idalla (3 to 5) first, Limbs Daughter (even) second, Merchant (3 to 1) third, Time, 1:43.5.

Third race—mile and seventy yards—Red Leaf (9 to 2) first, Jack Young (6 to 1) second, Cutter (6 to 2) third, Time, 1:47.5.

Fourth race—six furlongs—Miss Ferris (6 to 5) first, L. Samelson (12 to 1) second, Fruit (5 to 1) third, Time, 1:23.

Fifth race—six furlongs—Proteus (18 to 5) first, Excitement (4 to 5) second, Dr. McCarthy (6 to 1) third, Time, 1:17.

Sixth race—mile and a half—San Prima (1 to 2) first, Legate (12 to 1) second, Rather Royal (11 to 5) third, Time, 1:50.

SCATTER GUN ARTISTS.

First Meet of the Season Yesterday—Excellent Scores Made.

Yesterday was an ideal day for shooting clay targets, and fourteen of Richmond's "scatter gun artists" took advantage of the beautiful weather and gave an informal shoot on the club grounds under the auspices of the Richmond Gun Club. The fever for smashing targets has never developed so rapidly before this early in the year, but warm days have been very conducive to the development of this peculiar germ, and the boys have decided to shoot every opportunity Saturday.

A general target was also shot, and some even had a tinge of tilt on them, showing plainly the illusion target was really found by several of the participants.

Mr. W. A. Hammond had a run of 47 and lost but 2 in a string of 75. He was trying his new 34-inch Parker gun, one of the first in length ever seen here. Judging from his score the gun fits him perfectly.

Johnny Martin used a new L. C. Smith, and had the score keeper chalk up 25 straight. Fultz, Brown and Dr. Hillman shot a good, even game.

Interest in trap-shooting is extended to next Saturday's shoot.

Early in the day the Richmond and West End Clubs will rebuild their clubhouse, and the shoots of the season will begin.

The scores are as follows:

W. A. Hammond.....	29
C. E. Fultz.....	29
H. Brown.....	100
A. A. Anderson.....	100
W. S. MacCallum.....	150
Janowski.....	150
Parkfield.....	150
J. Martin.....	150
Dr. Hillman.....	50
Robinson.....	50
Chickley.....	50
Taylor.....	50
"Parker".....	50
Dayholt.....	50

BASE-BALL GAMES.

Schedule of Danville Military Academy for the Season.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., February 24.—Manager Graham, of the Danville Military Institute, base-ball team, announces the following schedule of games for this spring:

April 24—Cluster Springs Academy, at South Boston, Va.

April 25—Elton College, Elton, N. C.

April 26—Trinity Park High School, Durham, N. C.

April 27—Shurpe's Institute, Reidsville, N. C.

April 28—Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Danville, Va.

April 29—Louise Dale Academy, Louisa, Va.

April 30—Woodberry Forest, Orange, Va.

May 1—Episcopal High School, Alexandria, Va.

May 2—Kentucky University, Danville, Va.

May 3—Cluster Springs, Danville, Va.

May 7th—Bellevue High School, at Danville.

May 12th—Trinity High School, at Danville.

May 19th—Bellevue High School, Bellevue, Va.

May 21st—Louisville Manual Training School, at Louisville, Ky.

May 22nd—Thompson College, Louisville, Ky.

May 24th—Kentucky Military Institute, Lexington, Ky.

May 26th—Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky.

Negotiations are under way for games with the "Virginia Military Institute," Franklin Military Academy, Guilford College, N. C., and the University of North Carolina.

Cuban Junketers Return.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, Feb. 24.—The transport Summer, with the Santiago battlefield commission and a party of army and navy officers, on board, arrived at Old Point Comfort at two o'clock this morning and landed the Washington contingent, who leave for the capital to-night.

\$17.75, NASHVILLE, TENN., AND RETURN, VIA C. & O. ROUTE.

For the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, the Chesapeake and Ohio will sell tickets, Richmond to Nashville, Tenn., and return, at rate of \$17.75, on February 26th, 27th and 28th, with final limit of March 10th, subject to extension by deposit in Nashville to April 10th.

The route through the blue grass region of Kentucky.

TO NASHVILLE, TENN., AND RETURN AT HALF RATES, VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

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PERRY BELMONT WOULD PLUCK THE PLUMS FROM THE POLITICAL PLUTOCRATS

Gotham's Clever Capitalist Sends Communication to Congress Which Will Compel Campaign Contributors to Put Their Liberality On Record.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 24.—A keen observer of the proceedings of Congress and a frequent visitor at the Capitol this session, a little less than twenty years ago a distinguished member of the House of Representatives, Perry Belmont, of the well-known New York family of Belmonts, is yet in the prime of a vigorous and alert manhood.

Mr. Belmont is spending the winter in Washington mainly in the interest of the National Publicity Bill organization, of which he is the president. The organization embraces in its membership some of the most distinguished citizens in and out of public life, as well as trusted leaders in both political parties who are prominently identified with the machinery of party organization.

Mr. Belmont is making his longest stay in Washington since 1887-88, when he served his fourth consecutive term as a member of the House. He has established for the time one of the most attractive homes in the national capital, more than ever the winter Mecca of the republic's social devotees. The spacious Belmont mansion, overlooking Scott Circle, is not given wholly to the entertainment of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Belmont, whose elegant hospitality has charmed a widening circle of admirers, for it has the master's library, a veritable workshop in which he finds time to be an earnest and painstaking student of affairs of public concern.

Perry Belmont is the oldest of the three well-known sons of the famous first August Belmont, who, in his time, was one of the foremost of American bankers and who was known far abroad for his comprehensive knowledge of the world's finances. The second son, August, has immensely expended his interests in various practical directions since he succeeded his father in the banking business. The third son, Oliver, has been a member of the National Democratic Convention of 1900, and was elected as a Democrat to the Fifty-seventh Congress.

The oldest son, Perry Belmont, is remarkably alive to the progressive problems of the time, and has participated in enlightening efforts to solve current problems of government in a way that has made him a potential leader.

Perry and August Belmont were graduated from Harvard University, August in 1884, and Perry in 1885. They were immediately placed in the family bank, and eventually succeeded him. Perry chose for a profession the law, and engaged in its practice after having been graduated from the Columbia Law School.

Notable Historic Incident.

It was while Mr. Belmont was chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee he was proffered by President Carnot, of the French Republic, the cross of commander of the Legion of Honor. Mr. Belmont, in a speech in the House in which he advocated for the United States' official recognition of the Paris Exposition of 1889, said what greatly pleased the French people. The speech was translated, and copies of it read with gratification in official circles in Paris. Mr. Belmont had invoked honor "especially for the France of today," and said: "We who can enjoy undisturbed all the blessings of our form of government should best appreciate the immense difficulties handling in the way of French statesmen who hold republican opinions. Stronger than the Holy Alliance of the beginning of the century, stronger than the league of monarchs and of royalty in Europe against successful republicanism, and yet the French republic has triumphed, and will continue to triumph over hostile intrigues from within and insidious attacks from without. We in the United States have watched recent events in France with a respect and admiration which this invitation of the French Government now gives us an opportunity to express. The hundredth anniversary of the year 1789 has been well chosen for the holding of the World's Fair in Paris, a year as significant to the people of France as to the people of Europe. If there is what might be termed a republican league in Europe, may there not also be a republican league of the republics of the world?"

The exposition celebrated the centenary of the fall of the Bastille and the beheading of Louis XVI. All of the great powers, excepting the American republic, refused officially to recognize the exposition—even liberal England and Italy, which owed its unity to the French republic—although the commercial interests of all the monarchial countries of Europe were represented in every department of the exposition.

Family of Staunch Democrats.

All of the Belmonts were, and have always been, staunch and consistent Democrats. The oldest, August Belmont, came to this country from Alsace, now a part of the German Empire, his native town being Alsace, where his family had resided for two hundred years, and where his father, Simon Belmont, held an important civic office by appointment of the first great Napoleon Bonaparte as father of the Belmonts early allied himself with the Democratic party and was appointed by President Pierce Minister to the Hague. A delegate to the historic and eventful National Convention of 1860, he was twice elected to Congress, and served in the National Democratic Committee. He continued an active and influential factor in the Democratic State and national councils, as well as in large business affairs, until his death, in 1890.

Ever Belmont, imbued with Democratic doctrine from youth, soon demonstrated his individual interest and faith in the great party. He attended with his father several of the national conventions, and was afterward himself repeatedly a delegate to National Democratic Conventions.

Perry Belmont's Public Career.

Mr. Belmont was elected as a Democrat to the Forty-seventh Congress, was re-elected to the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses, representing the old First New York District, known as the "Long Island District," which embraced the island outside of Brooklyn, and also took in Staten Island. Since his retirement from Congress he has always represented the old district, and is now representing it as a member of the New York State Democratic Committee. He has never been a member of Tammany Hall.

While serving as a member of the State Committee that the idea originated with him of publicity of campaign committee contributions and expenditures. His article on the subject, published a year ago in the *New American Review*, attracted the attention of a large number of both political parties all over the country, and was the starting point of the publicity movement. The article received the commendation of many public men. Mr. William J. Bryan wrote the author that a copy of his article should be placed in his hands.

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called by the New York Board of Trade, to meet in Washington on Tuesday, March 13th, next, at which it is intended to accelerate a national movement to put an end to the long lamentable fact that the United States consular service is far from commensurate with the wealth and importance of the republic.

As far back as 1888, Mr. Belmont, writing in the *Forum* on the "Defects of our Consular Service," referred to the following as susceptible of remedy by legislation:

1. The American consular service is underpaid. There are not more than ten consular officers at important posts who receive in direct salaries compensation adequate to the duties they are called upon to perform.

2. It is not sufficiently national. A large proportion of our consular representatives are not citizens of the United States, and owe allegiance to the governments of the countries to which they are accredited.

3. The American consular service is handicapped, in some instances, by traditional prejudice and in many instances by discredited and demoralized system of payment wholly or in part in fees."

Publicity Measures Pending.

Although holding no public office, Mr. Belmont is as active as ever in politics. Since his retirement from Congress he has almost continuously, and is now, a member of the New York State Democratic Committee. He is just now as thoroughly interested in the movement for publicity as he ever was in any question with which he had to deal as a congressman. A bill, introduced at his instance, on the lines of his North American Review article on the subject, is now pending in the New York Legislature, with every prospect of passage. A similar bill, providing for publicity in national and committee campaign contributions and expenditures, has been introduced in both houses of Congress.

Little Hope of Peace.

(By Associated Press.)

ALGECIRS, Feb. 24.—Conversations with the principal delegates show that they have little real hope of a successful issue of the Moroccan conference. Ambassador White alone remains hopeful that some solution may be found.

BRITT SAYS GANS IS A LIAR; WILL NOT FIGHT HIM

(Continued from First Page.)

ning of this letter that it was evident Mr. Gans had lost his keeper because it is pretty hard to think that any two with so little sense as to spring a story which is so plainly a fabrication could have been gotten together on the same side of the world.

Pretty nearly anybody could have told Gans what an idiot he was making of himself if he had taken anybody into his confidence as to his intention regarding me.

But just for the sake of argument, let's consider the possibilities of its being true. In the first place we will have to eliminate all the testimony of the thousands who saw the battle. All of them were terribly fooled because I have not yet heard any man who saw the fight say that he saw anything that looked shady in it.

Then in order to win the amount of money which Mr. Gans credits me with taking out of the pool-rooms by betting on him, it would have been necessary to take at least three or four million into my confidence on the proposition in order to get the money bet without attracting too much attention.

If the old saying that two cannot keep a secret is true, nothing need be said about the chances of four or five million which would probably have known of the coup before it was wound up, if such a frame had been planned. The papers would have been full of it long before this time.

Now about my friends. According to Mr. Gans' diverting little tale, I deliberately robbed my trusted companions and all that sort of thing. Now a trusty friend is an awful thing to take chances would be the first to turn suspicious if there had been the slightest ground for it, and the much wiser plan would have been to quietly tip them off that the fight was a bad betting proposition.

And now Gans wants to fight me! Getting down to the cold, hard facts of that last fight, it was simply as if it seemed to be. Gans has been a welter-weight for years. He is the greatest

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